

**MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF CARROLLTON  
August 18, 2003  
MINUTES**

**Regular  
Council  
Meeting**

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 2003 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. in the Court/Council Room, Public Safety Complex, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pilgrim.

**Roll Call**

There were present:  
Mayor Gerald Pilgrim, presiding  
Councilmember Gerald Byrd  
Councilmember Rusty Gray  
Councilmember J. Carl Williamson, Jr.

There were absent:  
Councilmember Henry Dickerson

**Invocation**

The Invocation was offered by Councilmember Williamson.

**Minutes –  
7/21/03**

***Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Gray to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried, unanimously.***

**Carrollton  
Historical  
Society**

Members of the Carrollton Historical Society addressed the Council and requested that efforts be renewed on obtaining and renovating the Bradley Street Railroad Depot. Members expressed their opinions, suggestions and ideas regarding the eight (8) year old Depot project. Among those in attendance speaking regarding the item: Gene Wright, Jay McCain, Tracy Stallings, Blair Trehwitt, Gwen Chesnutt, Doug Mabry, and Peter Balega. Members inquired about the 1998 SPLOST Funds and TEA Grant Funds that were at one time available for the Depot. Members also requested access to all documentation between the City, Georgia EPD, and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Mayor Pilgrim stated that the Depot files are available to anyone wishing to research the project. Councilmember Byrd and Gray both stated that they were not familiar with the City's efforts in obtaining the Depot but would familiarize themselves and be supportive of such future efforts.

**Employment  
Incentive  
Program (EIP)  
Grant for  
Business  
Development  
Incubator**

Acting City Manager Coleman explained Carroll Tomorrow's Business Development Incubator and the request for Employment Incentive Program (EIP) Grant Funds in the amount of \$130,000 to fund the said project. Mr. Slater Barr, Carroll Tomorrow CEO, explained that Dr. John Burson had committed to provide a building to house the Incubator. Mr. Barr further explained that the project was intended to support targeted start-up businesses in Carroll County while they establish themselves as a community-based business. Councilmember Byrd requested clarification on the EIP Grant Funds and how they could apply for the project. Mr. Barr stated that years ago the City had been awarded the EIP Grant to be used as a revolving loan for the new businesses promising job creations. The current balance of EIP Grant funds is currently \$130,000. Acting City Manager Coleman pointed out that the State had stressed that the funds would need to be used for an eligible project or returned to the State. Councilmember Byrd requested a copy of the EIP Grant guidelines as well as a copy of the Grant. Being no further discussion, ***Motion by***

**Utility Vehicle  
Bids**

***Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Williamson to approve the request to permit \$130,000 in EIP Grant Funds to be used for Carroll Tomorrow's Business Development Incubator. Motion carried, unanimously.***

Acting City Manager Coleman presented bids for the purchase of two (2) small meter reading pick-up trucks. The apparent low bid of \$12,220.43 per vehicle was from Richard Haney Ford of Carrollton, Georgia. ***Motion by Councilmember Williamson, seconded by Councilmember Gray to award the bid to Richard Haney Ford. Motion carried, unanimously.***

**Georgia  
Emergency  
Management  
Agency Grant**

Acting City Manager Coleman informed the Mayor and Council of the recent grant of \$280,000 from the Department of Justice for a tractor-trailer style Hazardous Materials Response Apparatus. Manager Coleman explained that in keeping with the City's policy every effort had been made to solicit competitive bids. Manager Coleman noted that five (5) companies had been contacted to formally submit a bid, but only one (1) company (Hackney Corporation) was interested in bidding on the unit. The Hackney Corporation negotiated bid is \$280,000. Manager Coleman requested the Council consider awarding the bid to Hackney Corporation. Following a lengthy discussion about the HAZ-MAT unit and the cost thereof, ***Motion by Councilmember Williamson, seconded by Councilmember Gray to award the bid to the Hackney Corporation. Motion carried, unanimously.***

**Pending  
Appointments**

Mayor Pilgrim asked if there were any names for consideration for appointment. Being none, the Mayor requested the Council to submit names to Acting City Manager Casey Coleman for consideration for the remaining pending and upcoming appointments.

**Citizen  
Comments**

Those persons addressing the Mayor and Council during Citizen Comments: Mr. Bill Chappell, Mr. Fred O'Neil, Anne Billingsly, and Peter Balega.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, ***Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Byrd to adjourn at 8:55 o'clock p.m. Motion carried, unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted by  
Libby R. Duke, Deputy Clerk